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Viet Processing 'No Nightmare'

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Criticism against Vietnamese refugee processing centers is unfounded, according to a South Vietnamese army colonel seeking work in Portland, who spent almost a month at Camp Pendleton and three days at the Guam refugee center.

Investigators for the U. S. Senate have charged that the program of processing and resettling the refugees has "...turned into a nightmare for officials and refugees alike."

Col. Doan Van Nu was processed through two of the centers, and he doesn't agree

with the criticism.

Doan left Saigon for Thailand in April, the day before Saigon fell to the Communist forces.

He said he spent three days at the Guam center and then traveled to Camp Pendleton, Calif., where he spent nearly one month. He came to Portland Friday.

Doan called both centers "good operations." He said he and his family of 12 were treated well and they always lived as a family unit.

Food was good, he said, even though it was mainly American-type food.

"But we had rice every day," he said.

Doan spent five years at

Taiwan as the defense attache. He speaks four languages fluently — Vietnamese, French, English and Chinese.

Doan said he is a qualified helicopter pilot but is not interested in a job as a pilot.

He said he would be interested in a job dealing with public relations.

"As a refugee I will accept any kind of job," he said. "Everything depends on Father Morton Park."

The Rev. Mr. Park of Catholic Charities is Doan's sponsor.

"He may send me to work at a farm," the colonel said. "I



COL. DOAN NU

...hunts job here

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Refugee Camp
Camp Pendleton, California 92055

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Dear [redacted]

Please excuse the length of time it has taken to reply to your two letters. I was in touch with [redacted] about you and understood that you had obtained a sponsor and were in the process of resettlement. In addition, I confess I was very heavily involved personally in the various investigations about CIA.

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[redacted] I know the difficult situation of having had to leave people behind in Southeast Asia, but I hope that you can be successfully resettled here with the help of your sponsor and the official arrangements which appear to be working with respect to other Vietnamese. Please accept my very best wishes for the future and my appreciation for your effective assistance in the past.

Sincerely,

W. W. Colby

W. E. Colby
Director

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